Preventing Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection (CLABSI)
Central line-associated blood stream infections (CLABSI) are a type of hospital acquired infection (HAI)

- CLABSIs may add to length of stay (LOS) and can increase morbidity and mortality risk for patients.
- CLABSIs are publicly reportable and may have a negative effect on reimbursement for hospital care.
What is considered a CVC?

- Any venous catheter that has its distal tip in the right atrium or the superior/inferior vena cava.

- Examples are: right/left peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC) lines - usually inserted at the antecubital fossa (ACF), right/left subclavian (SC) lines, right/left internal jugular (IJ) lines, and right/left femoral lines.

- CVCs may include: single/double/triple lumen catheters, Swan-Ganz catheters, venous introducers, tunneled catheters, implanted venous access devices, Hickman catheters, etc..

- These are not CVCs: temporary dialysis catheters (like Quinton or Marhukar).
IJ / SC Line
Implantable Venous Access Device
Tunneled Catheter
CLABSI Prevention

Pathogenesis

1. Skin organisms
   - Endogenous
   - Extrinsic
   - HCW hands
   - Contaminated disinfectant

2. Contaminated catheter hub
   - Endogenous Skin flora
   - Extrinsic
   - HCW hands
   - Contaminated disinfectant

3. Contaminated infusate
   - Extrinsic
   - Fluid
   - Medication
   - Intrinsic
   - Manufacturer

Fibrin sheath, thrombus

Hematogenous from distant infection

Vein


1 = 60%
2 = 12%
3 = <1%
Unk = 28%
Strategies to reduce risk for CLABSI.

• Careful adherence to the Central Venous Catheter (CVC) Insertion Bundle. Use CVC Insertion Checklist (FormFast #:FF-02518).

• Remove CVCs as soon as they are no longer needed medically.

• Change CVC dressings (using aseptic technique) when they are damaged, soiled, or have timed out.

• “Scrub the Hub” every time the CVC is accessed.

• Provide ample patient education to assure understanding of all CLABSI risk reduction activities.
CVC Insertion Bundle

1. Obtain consent for the CVC insertion.
2. Identify insertion site(s). Order of preference: peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC), subclavian (SC) vein, internal jugular (IJ) vein, femoral vein - used only in emergencies or as last option.
4. Prepare patient for procedure (education, positioning, hygiene, etc.).
5. Everyone who will touch the patient during the CVC insertion should sanitize hands.
6. The operator should don hat, mask, sterile gown, and sterile gloves.
7. The monitoring nurse and assistant to the operator should don hat and mask.
8. The skin at the intended insertion site should be widely prepped using chlorhexidine gluconate (CHG).
9. A sterile field should be established using a drape that covers the entire patient.
10. The CVC should be secured at the point of insertion with sutures or an adhesive device.
11. An occlusive dressing should be applied and dated. A transparent dressing is preferred.
CVC Insertion Bundle

The CVC Insertion Checklist will print with the CVC consent form and can also be printed individually from FormFast.

This form should be filled out by the monitoring nurse for every CVC insertion and returned to the OHS office.

Do not leave this form on the patient’s chart or scan it into the EMR. Send it to the OHS office.
Policy NS-196 states that the nurse MUST be present during the insertion of central lines.

- The nurse is responsible for monitoring the patient's physiologic condition and response during the procedure (the anesthesia tech is not trained to do this).

- The nurse is responsible for completing the CVC Insertion Checklist.

- The nurse is responsible to make sure that these forms are then submitted to the OHS office. (Check with your HUC to see where these forms should be placed on your unit.)
CVC Insertion Bundle

Nursing Service Policy and Procedure  NS-196  (excerpt)

Procedure:
1. Wash hands and don gloves
2. Prepare IV solution or flush solution
3. Assist physician/CRNA with applying sterile gown
4. Place moisture-proof pad under patient
5. Ensure that all individuals in the immediate area of the bedside wear a mask.
6. Turn or instruct patient to turn head away from insertion site.
7. While the physician/CRNA cleanses & drapes the site, comfort patient by explaining what is happening throughout the procedure.
8. Assist physician/CRNA with flushing of catheter ports.
10. Monitor heart rate & rhythm, respiratory rate & patient response throughout the procedure. Watch cardiac monitor closely as guidewire & catheter are inserted & notify physician/CRNA immediately if dysrhythmia occurs.
Slightly Head-down Position for CVC Insertion
Prior to Insertion

Strict Hand Hygiene
Prep the intended insertion site with ChloraPrep.
Be sure to prep a wide margin surrounding the insertion site.

How to use ChloraPrep

1. Pinch
   Hold the applicator as shown, being careful not to touch the sponge. Pinch the wings together. You will hear a ‘pop’ as the ampoule breaks.

2. Apply
   Gently press the applicator against the skin and apply the antiseptic using up and down, back and forth strokes for about 30 seconds.

3. Dry
   Leave for approximately 30 seconds, allowing the area to air dry completely before applying sterile drape.
   Discard the applicator after a single use.
Maximal Patient Barrier:

The operator should wear: hat, mask, sterile gloves, and sterile gown.

Drape the patient: full body drape (head-to-toe).
Typical sterile field set-up for a CVC insertion

Guidewire

Introducer

Sheath
The Items we monitor during a CVC insertion.

- Syringe
- Needle
- Introducer sheath
- Guidewire
- Central Venous Catheter
- Guidewires
The CVC Insertion Procedure (Seldinger):

A. Needle puncture

B. Flashback blood within syringe

C. Remove syringe

D. Cover needle

E. Advance guidewire through needle

F. Remove needle
The CVC Insertion Procedure (Seldinger): Continued
Secure catheter.
Cover catheter insertion site with a transparent, occlusive dressing.
After the insertion procedure is complete:

- Chest x-ray to verify central line catheter tip placement.

- No fluids/medications should be administered via the line until verification of placement is done unless in an emergent situation.

- After placement has been verified:
  - **connect NEW** administration sets and fluids to ports.
  - **NEVER** connect previously used IV tubing to the new central venous access line.
Strategies to reduce risk for CLABSI.

- Remove CVCs as soon as they are no longer needed medically.
  - During shift physical assessment, consider why the CVC is needed for the patient.
  - If no valid medical necessity for the CVC is noted, discuss with the attending physician.
  - Once a CVC removal order is received, proceed as soon as possible to remove it.
CLABSI Prevention

Strategies to reduce risk for CLABSI.

• Change CVC dressings (using aseptic technique) when they are damaged, soiled, or have timed out.
Strategies to reduce risk for CLABSI.

• CVC dressing change guidance can be found in Nursing Service policy NS-89 and NS-197.
Strategies to reduce risk for CLABSI.

• “Scrub the Hub” every time the CVC is accessed.
  • Sanitize your hands just before accessing the CVC port.
  • Use an alcohol saturated prep pad to scrub the CVC port for 15 seconds every time the port is accessed.
  • Let the alcohol on the CVC port evaporate completely before accessing the port.
Strategies to reduce risk for CLABSI.

- Provide ample patient education to assure understanding of all CLABSI risk reduction activities.
  - Hand hygiene.
  - The importance of dressing integrity.
  - Handling the CVC line, ports, IV tubing, etc.
  - Directing cough/sneeze away from CVC site.
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